

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IV. E.

From: Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner

Date: October 1, 2013

Subject: Resolution No. 2013-86 Supporting Application for Hennepin County's 2014 Sidewalk Participation Program

Action ☒
Discussion ☐
Information ☐

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached resolution.

Information / Background:

The Hennepin County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2014 Sidewalk Participation Program assists in funding to develop and implement effective sidewalk projects that extend the system of sidewalks along Hennepin County roads, provide pedestrian safety improvements at intersections, provide ADA compliant facilities, support local plans, and support the implementation of the Hennepin County Transportation Systems Plan including the Hennepin County Complete Streets Policy. Applications were prepared for three sidewalk project on Vernon Avenue and York Avenue (see attached resolution). Council and community support are among the factors considered for the award of funds (County cost participation is up to 25% to a maximum of \$50,000 for each project).

Edina Transportation Commission (ETC): Time did not allow for the ETC to review these applications at its September 19 meeting; however, they have been sent to ETC members for their review and comment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 2013-86
- Three (3) Supplemental Applications for Hennepin County 2014 Sidewalk Participation Program:
 - York Avenue – from 66th Street to Southdale Transit Center Sidewalk (Edina City Project No. S119)
 - Vernon Avenue – from Gleason Road to Blake Road (Edina City Project No. S116)
 - Vernon Avenue – from Doncaster Way to Ayrshire Boulevard (Edina City Project No. S118)



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-86

**Supporting Application for Hennepin County's 2014 Sidewalk Participation Program
For Sidewalks On Vernon Avenue (on the north side, from Gleason Road to Blake
Road and from Doncaster Way to Ayrshire Boulevard) and York Avenue (on the
west side, from 66th Street West to the Southdale Transit Hub)**

WHEREAS, the City of Edina has identified the importance of sidewalk and pedestrian planning through the Transportation Comprehensive Plan and its Living Streets Policy;

WHEREAS, the City of Edina Transportation Comprehensive Plan identify projects needed to achieve the City's overall vision for a comprehensive community of non-motorized transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of safe and convenient pedestrian facilities near schools, commercial areas and parks will provide transportation access to potentially vulnerable users not traveling by vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, County funds will be used to supplement the Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund for these projects, leveraging these funds to make the City more walkable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Edina endorses the application for funds as administered by Hennepin County.

Dated: October 1, 2013

Attest: _____
Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)SS.
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of October 1, 2013, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this _____ day of _____, 20____.

City Clerk

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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HENNEPIN COUNTY
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION - 2014 SIDEWALK
PARTICIPATION PROGRAM
CITY OF EDINA

DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2013

- 1. PROJECT NAME:** York Avenue – from 66th Street to Southdale Transit Center Sidewalk
Edina City Project No. S119
- 2. APPLICANT:** City of Edina
Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner
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MNolan@EdinaMN.gov
- 3. PROJECT LOCATION:** West Side of County Road 31 (York Avenue), from County Road 53 (66th Street) to Southdale Center Transit Center.
- See attached Figure A for the project location map. See attached Figure A-1 for the proposed Southdale Transit Center from Metro Transit. See attached Figure A-2 for the Southdale Place development project.

**4. TOTAL COST OF
THE PROJECT:**

Total Project Costs: \$111,000

Funding Source: City of Edina's Pedestrian and
Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund

5. AMOUNT REQUESTED:

Project design and plan preparation (25% of total):	\$6,000
Construction of Infrastructure (25% of total):	\$21,000

**6. PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT
SCHEDULE:**

Submit for Hennepin County Grant	October 4, 2013
Notification of Grant Status	November 2013
Hennepin County Board to Select Grant Recipients	December 2013
Begin Design and Preparation of Bidding Documents	January 2014
Bid Opening	April 2014
Award Construction Contract	May 2014
Estimated Start of Construction	June 2014
Estimated Construction Completion; Sidewalk Open to Users	August 2014

**7. PROJECT
READINESS:**

The proposed 710-foot long 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk will complete a vital sidewalk link between County Road 53 (66th Street) and 69th Street on the east side of the Southdale shopping mall complex.

This area serves numerous transit, medical, commercial, retail, restaurants and housing units in the heart of Edina. The sidewalk will provide a user link to the proposed Metro Transit Southdale Bus Transit Center; and connect to a proposed 6-foot concrete walk as part of the Southdale Place Project at the south Project limit.

Hennepin County's Pedestrian Plan Implementation has identified the area of the proposed sidewalk as high priority. The City is capable of implementing both design and construction in 2014. The City is currently coordinating with Simon properties, the managers of Southdale Mall, to donate the easements necessary to construct the sidewalk.

8. ALIGNMENT WITH PROGRAM PRIORITIES:

Safety

Currently, the lack of sidewalks on the west side of York Avenue just south of 66th Street forces pedestrians to travel in existing parking lots. As they exit the parking lots, pedestrians must cross the Southdale Service Road, where no clearly identified or marked crossings exist.

The addition of the proposed sidewalk will provide a safer route for pedestrians to access Southdale Mall and substantially mitigate Metro Transit bus and vehicle traffic encounters. The proposed Metro Transit Southdale Bus Transit Center includes delineated crosswalks at the Southdale Service Road.

System Connectivity

The proposed sidewalk has been identified as a high priority for the City to complete.

The proposed sidewalk will connect to the Southdale Place Project sidewalk segment to the south. Combined, these sidewalk segments will provide improved pedestrian access on the west side of York Avenue from 66th Street to 69th Street.

Transportation purpose and proximity to pedestrian trip generators

Major trip generators within ½ mile of the Proposed Sidewalk include, but are not limited to:

Bus routes and transitways	Multiple bus routes serve the Metro Transit Southdale Bus Transit Center as shown in Figure C attached
Transit hubs and/or stations	Metro Transit Southdale Bus Transit Center adjacent to sidewalk as shown in Figure C attached
Park and ride facilities	At least two (2) Metro Transit Park and Ride parking lots adjacent to sidewalk as shown in Figure C attached
Commercial nodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southdale Mall with over 120 stores

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galleria Mall with over 60 stores • AMC Movie Theater located in Southdale Mall • Multiple vibrant strip malls located northeast and east of sidewalk • Super Target with full grocery • Cub Foods grocery store across York Avenue
Employment centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple Medical Professional Buildings • Numerous business professional buildings in all directions
Schools	N/A
Libraries	Hennepin County Library south on York Ave
Public service centers or other public buildings	Hennepin County Southdale Service Center south on York Avenue
Apartment buildings or other high density housing	Multiple High Density housing complexes in all directions
Parks	Three City parks within ½ mile
Other (please describe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairview Southdale Hospital, a Level III Trauma facility directly north of the sidewalk • Approximately 30 restaurants within ½ mile • The Westin Hotel with 225 luxury rooms • Single Family Housing in established neighborhoods to both the north and east

Community Support

The Edina Transportation Commission (ETC) was established to help guide the City in implementing its vision for an integrated, multi-modal local transportation system as stated in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed sidewalk segment aligns perfectly with this vision, and members of the ETC have been sent the draft application for their review.

In the summer of 2013, the Edina City Council adopted a Living Streets Policy. The Living Streets philosophy encourages the City to balance the needs of motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders in ways that promote safety and convenience, enhance community identity, create economic vitality, improve environmental sustainability, and provide meaningful opportunities for active living and better health. In addition, the City of Edina has formed a partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota along with the Cities of Bloomington and Richfield in a pilot program branded as do.town that encourages exercise and eating healthy foods. Both of these initiatives align seamlessly with the addition of sidewalks as a critical infrastructure investment.

Project or program connectivity

The Southdale Place Project, a 232 unit apartment complex, is currently under construction directly south of the project limits. The sidewalk network is being

constructed for the complex, and completes the southern connection of the sidewalk segment along the west side of York Avenue near Southdale mall.

Lennar Multifamily is currently proposing to demolish an existing under-utilized retail site to construct a 273 unit upscale apartment building on the east side of York Avenue across from the proposed sidewalk.

In addition to permanent residents, the Southdale area, due to its mix of retail, restaurants and medical services draws many visitors to the area. It is quite common for this mix to generate a substantial number of pedestrians.

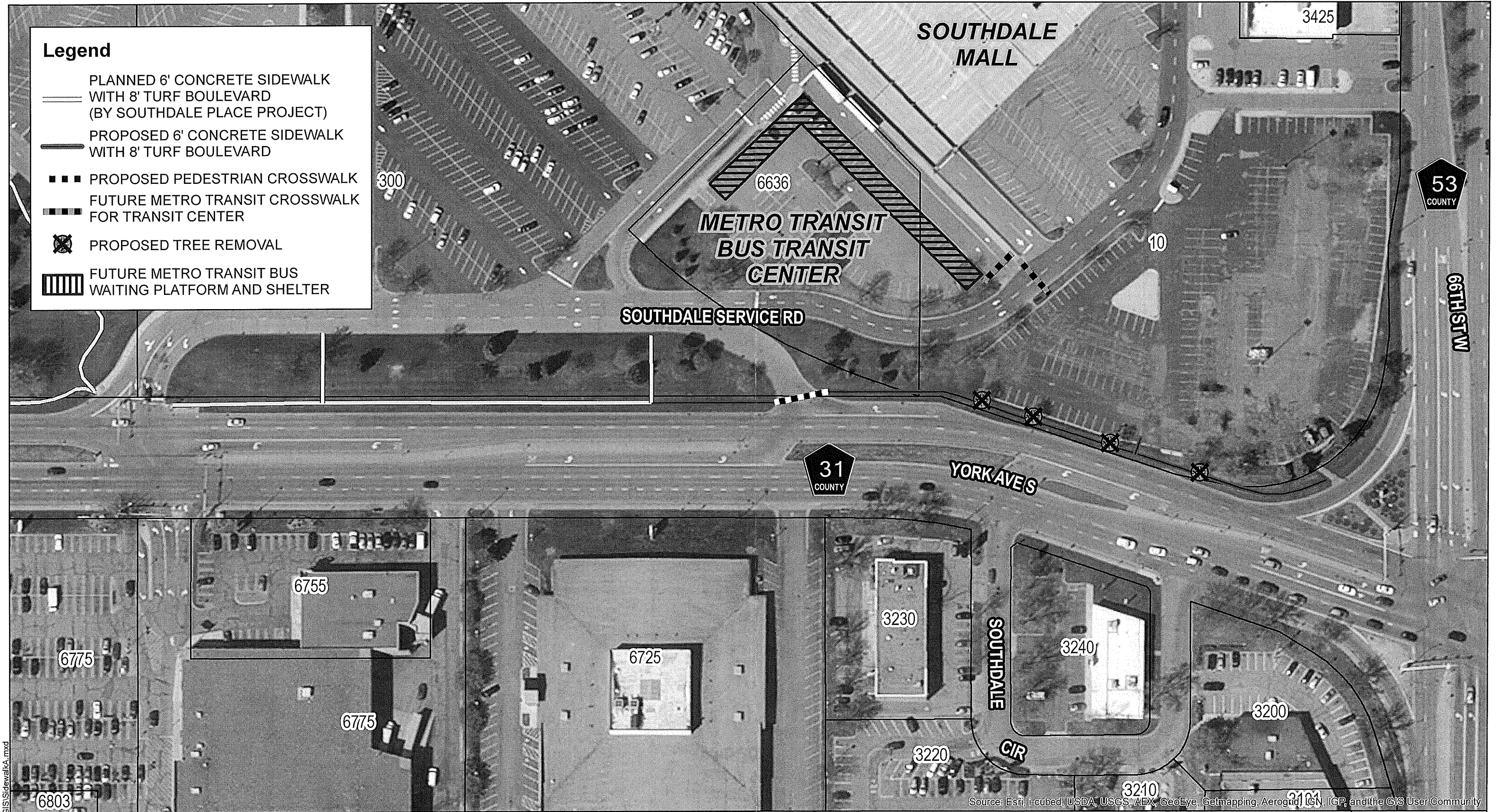
**9. OTHER
CIRCUMSTANCES
OR IMPORTANT
ITEMS TO CONSIDER
WHEN EVALUATING
THE PROJECT:**

The proposed sidewalk segment will complete a vital sidewalk route within one of the regions busiest retail, restaurant, transit, entertainment, medical, business and residential centers. This unique combination creates an extensive amount of pedestrian trip generators.

**10. CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT:**

See attached City Council Resolution of Support, Dated October 1, 2013.

Maintenance of the sidewalk, including snow plowing will be the responsibility of the City's Public Works Department and will be added to their already extensive sidewalk system maintenance program.

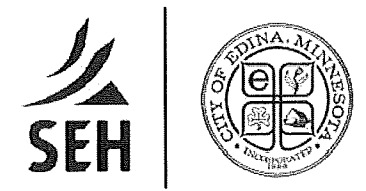


Legend

- PLANNED 6' CONCRETE SIDEWALK WITH 8' TURF BOULEVARD (BY SOUTHDALE PLACE PROJECT)
- PROPOSED 6' CONCRETE SIDEWALK WITH 8' TURF BOULEVARD
- PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
- FUTURE METRO TRANSIT CROSSWALK FOR TRANSIT CENTER
- PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL
- FUTURE METRO TRANSIT BUS WAITING PLATFORM AND SHELTER

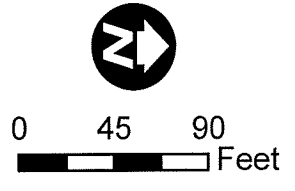
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SIDEWALK A

York Avenue - 66th Street to Southdale Transit Hub

No. S119

Edina, Minnesota

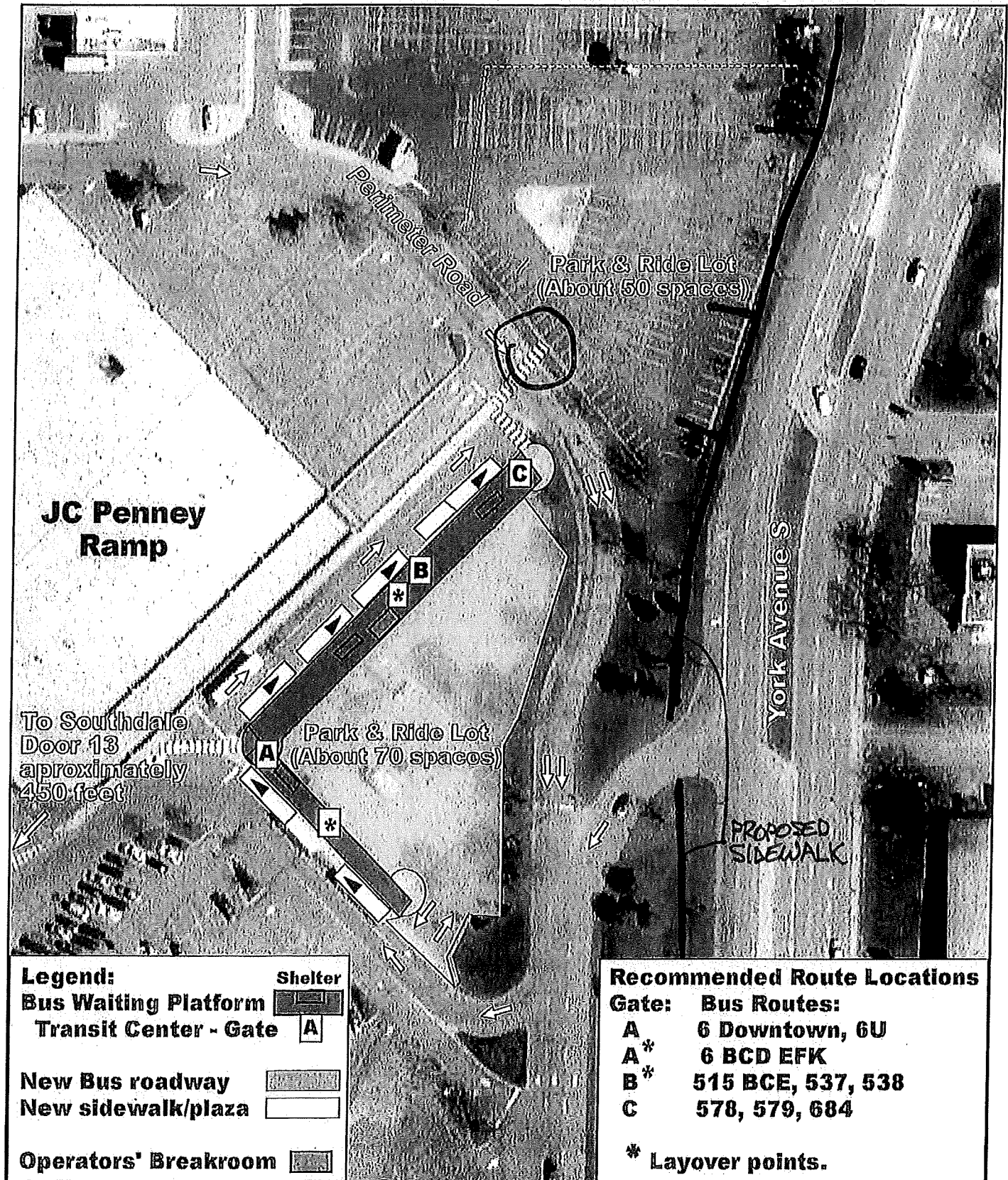
Figure A

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FIGURE A-1

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

Southdale Transit Center / Park & Ride Final Plan - 2012 Bus Operations Layout



Map by John Dillery
June 6, 2013

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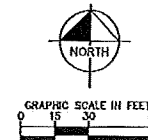
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SOUTHDAL PLACE



CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this plan, specification
or report was prepared by me or under my
direct supervision and that I am a duly
licensed Professional Engineer
under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Thomas J. Lingen 06/13/2013
Thomas J. Lingen Date

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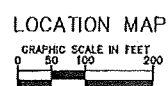
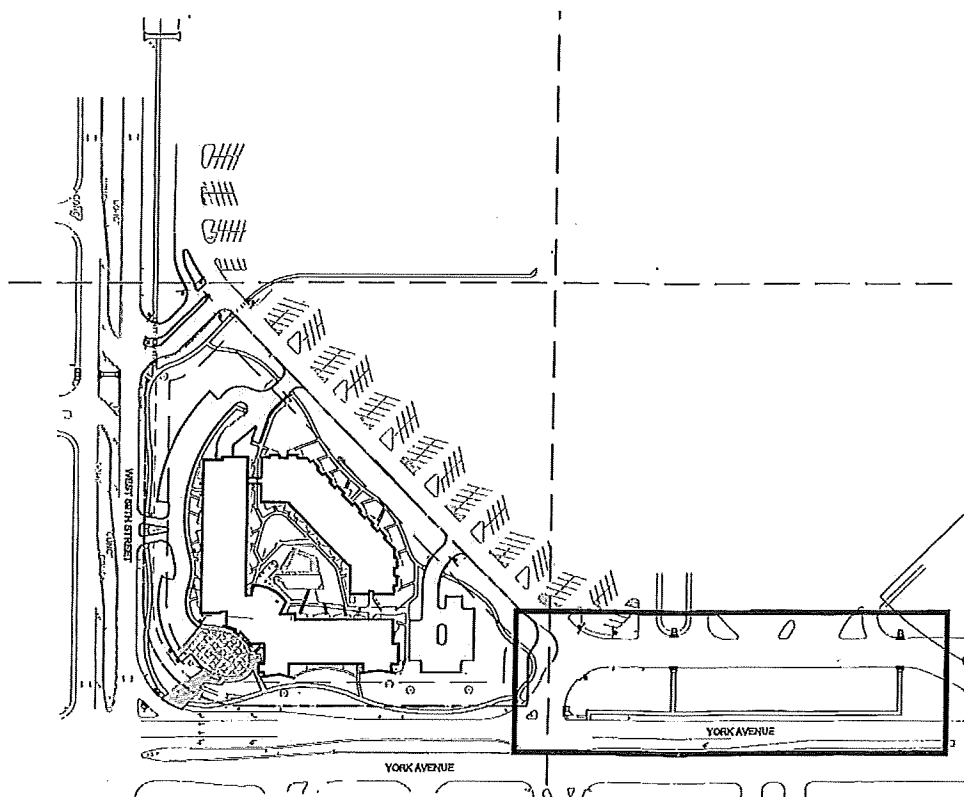
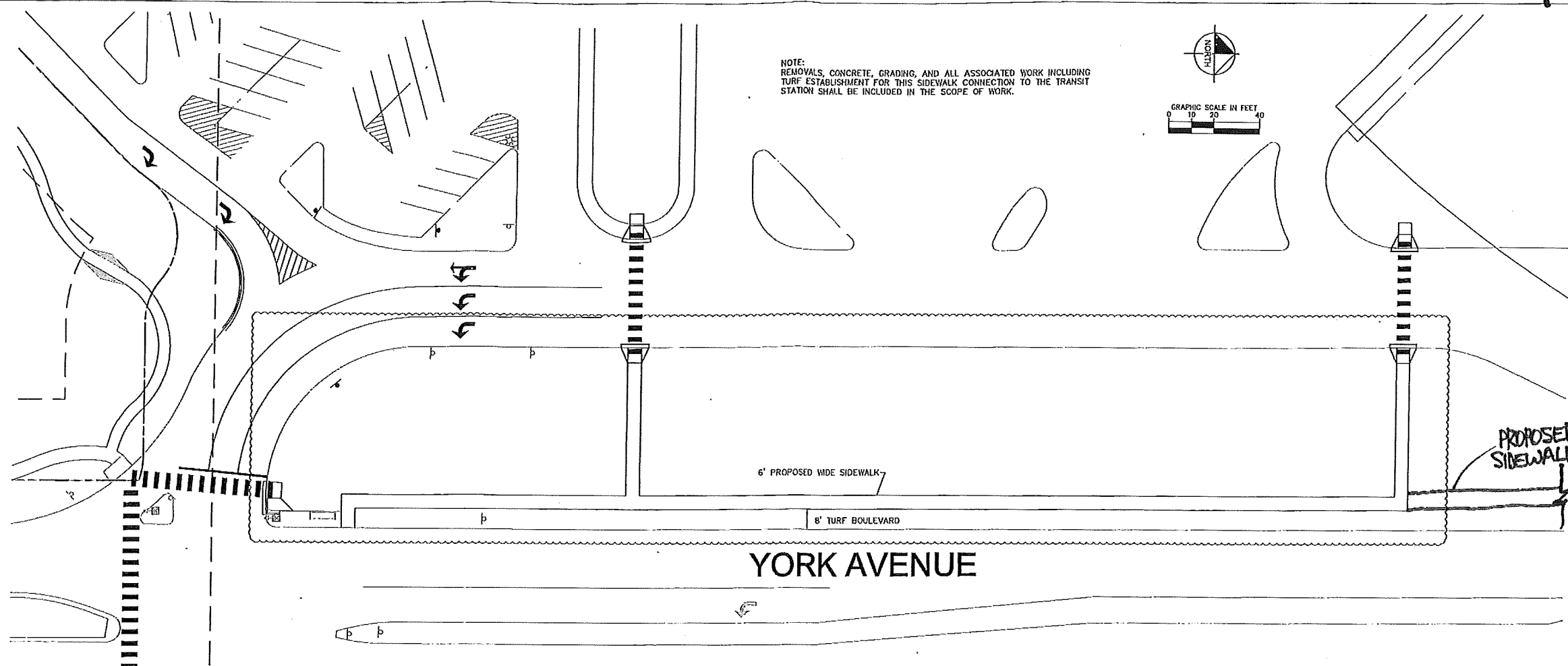
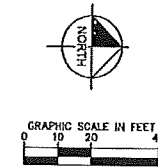
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DATE	06/13/2013
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CHECKED BY	T.J.L.
COMMISSION NO.	188401

OFF-SITE
IMPROVEMENTS
PLAN

C2.2

NOTE:
REMOVALS, CONCRETE, GRADING, AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORK INCLUDING
TURF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THIS SIDEWALK CONNECTION TO THE TRANSIT
STATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF WORK.





HENNEPIN COUNTY
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION - 2014 SIDEWALK
PARTICIPATION PROGRAM
CITY OF EDINA

DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2013

1. PROJECT NAME:

Vernon Avenue – from Gleason Road to Blake Road
Edina City Project No. S116

2. APPLICANT

City of Edina
Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner
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952.826.0322
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3. PROJECT LOCATION

North Side of County Road 158 (Vernon Avenue), from Gleason Road to Blake Road. See attached Figure B for a location map.

**4. TOTAL COST OF
THE PROJECT**

Total Project Costs: \$246,000

Funding Source: City of Edina's Pedestrian and
Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund

5. AMOUNT REQUESTED

Project design and plan preparation: \$3,000
Construction of Infrastructure (25% of total): \$47,000

**6. PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT
SCHEDULE**

Submit for Hennepin County Grant	October 4, 2013
Notification of Grant Status	November 2013
Hennepin County Board to Select Grant Recipients	December 2013
Begin Design and Preparation of Bidding Documents	January 2015
Bid Opening	April 2015
Award Construction Contract	May 2015
Estimated Start of Construction	June 2015
Estimated Construction Completion; Sidewalk Open to Users	August 2015

**7. PROJECT
READINESS**

This proposed 1,742' long 5' wide sidewalk would complete a vital sidewalk route that serves numerous transit, churches, parks and neighborhoods in the City of Edina.

The proposed sidewalk will link existing sidewalks on the north side of Vernon Avenue between the intersections of Gleason Road and Blake Road respectively.

Hennepin County's Pedestrian Plan Implementation has identified the area of the proposed sidewalk as medium to high priority. The City is capable of implementing both design and construction in 2015.

8. ALIGNMENT WITH PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Safety

Currently, pedestrians north of Vernon Avenue are forced to cross the street where no clearly identified or marked crossings exist in order to reach the multi-use trail along the south side of the street. 5 Metro Transit bus stops exist along this proposed sidewalk segment. Buses coupled with heavy vehicle and truck traffic create many crossing conflicts for pedestrians.

Metro Transit bus riders are forced to either wait in the street or on the turf boulevard at bus stops. This creates a safety hazard, specifically in the winter when roads are narrower from snow and ice accumulation and boulevards are used for snow storage.

System Connectivity

The proposed sidewalk has been identified as a medium priority for the City to complete.

As shown in Figure B, the proposed sidewalk will link existing sidewalks on the north side of Vernon Avenue between the intersections of Gleason Road and Blake Road respectively. The proposed sidewalk will also allow users from the future Three Rivers Park District Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail near the west project limits to traverse the north side of Vernon Avenue.

Transportation purpose and proximity to pedestrian trip generators.

Major trip generators within ½ mile of the Proposed Sidewalk include, but are not limited to:

Bus routes and transitways	Two (2) Metro Transit bus routes use this portion of Vernon Avenue
Transit hubs and/or stations	Five (5) Metro Transit bus stops exist along the proposed sidewalk
Park and ride facilities	N/A
Commercial nodes	N/A
Employment centers	N/A
Schools	N/A
Libraries	N/A
Public service centers or other public buildings	N/A
Apartment buildings or other high density housing	Multiple High Density housing complexes in all directions
Parks	Walnut Ridge and Bredesen Parks within ½ mile

Other (please describe)	Single Family Housing in established neighborhoods with many active families A Church is immediately west of the Proposed Sidewalk.
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Community Support

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The City has received numerous informal resident votes of support for the project.

Project or program connectivity

The proposed sidewalk will connect to existing sidewalks on Blake Road and Vernon Avenue, west of Gleason Road.

Hennepin County recently completed paving and restriping of Vernon Ave to include designated bike lanes in both directions. With established bike lanes, pedestrians will be provided an even safer route along the proposed sidewalk.

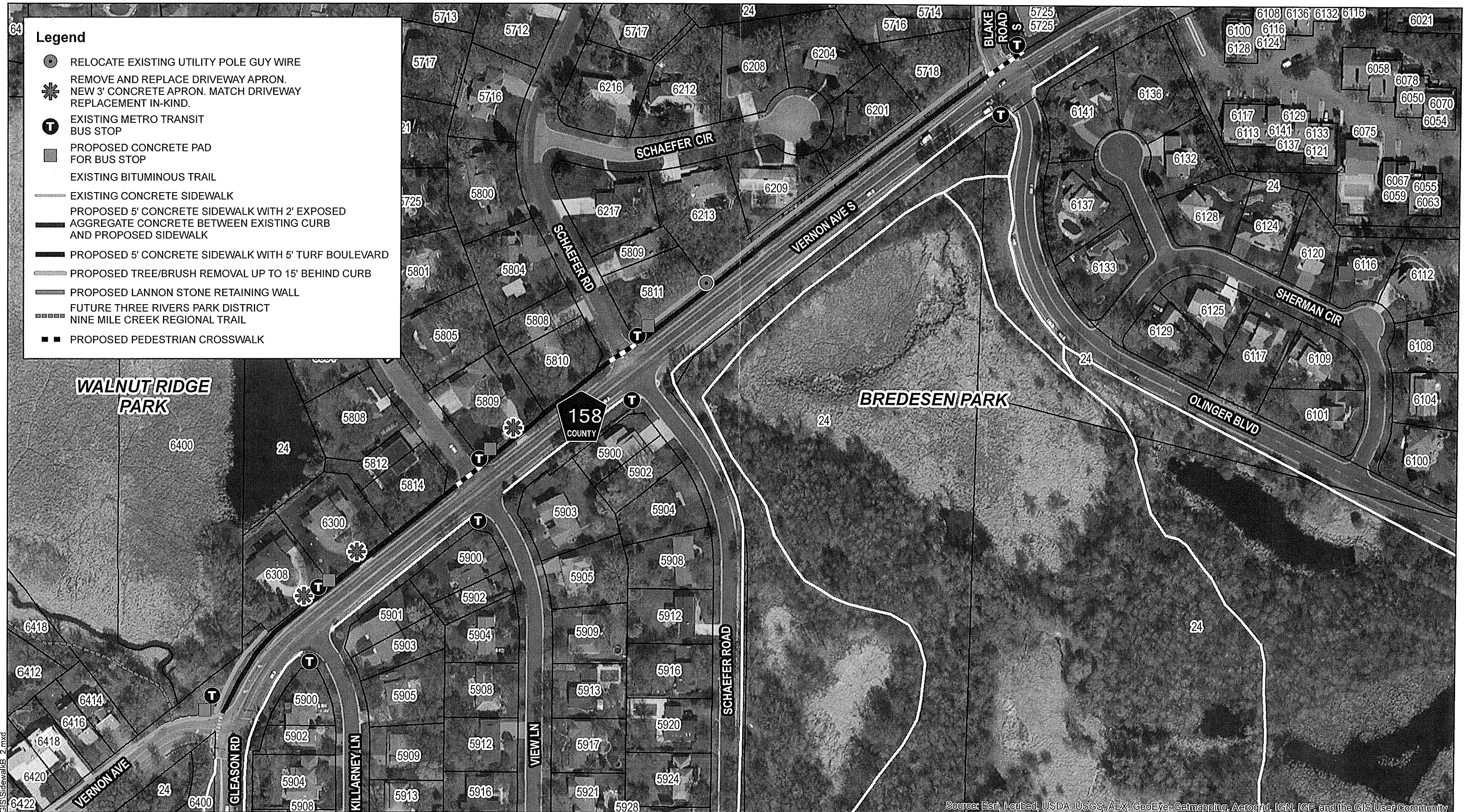
9. OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OR IMPORTANT ITEMS TO CONSIDER WHEN EVALUATING THE PROJECT

The proposed sidewalk segment will complete a vital sidewalk route. Construction of this sidewalk will further enhance the City's system of sidewalks and trails.

10. CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

See attached City Council Resolution of Support, Dated October 1, 2013.

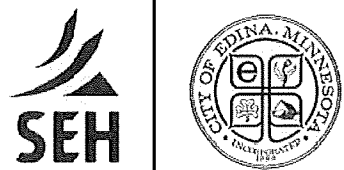
Maintenance of the sidewalk, including snow plowing will be the responsibility of the City's Public Works Department and will be added to their already extensive sidewalk system maintenance program.



- Legend**
- RELOCATE EXISTING UTILITY POLE GUY WIRE
 - REMOVE AND REPLACE DRIVEWAY APRON.
NEW 3' CONCRETE APRON. MATCH DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT IN-KIND.
 - EXISTING METRO TRANSIT BUS STOP
 - PROPOSED CONCRETE PAD FOR BUS STOP
 - EXISTING BITUMINOUS TRAIL
 - EXISTING CONCRETE SIDEWALK
 - PROPOSED 5' CONCRETE SIDEWALK WITH 2' EXPOSED AGGREGATE CONCRETE BETWEEN EXISTING CURB AND PROPOSED SIDEWALK
 - PROPOSED 5' CONCRETE SIDEWALK WITH 5' TURF BOULEVARD
 - PROPOSED TREE/BRUSH REMOVAL UP TO 15' BEHIND CURB
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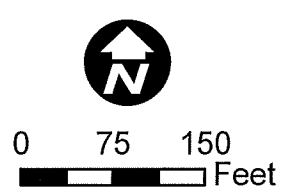
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SIDEWALK B

Vernon Avenue - Gleason Road to Blake Road

No. S116

Edina, Minnesota

Figure B

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CITY OF EDINA

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Vernon Avenue – from Doncaster Way to Ayrshire Boulevard
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2. APPLICANT

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3. PROJECT LOCATION

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**4. TOTAL COST OF
THE PROJECT**

Total Project Costs: \$200,000

Funding Source: City of Edina's Pedestrian and
Cyclist Safety (PACS) Fund

5. AMOUNT REQUESTED

Project design and plan preparation (25% of total):	\$11,000
Construction of Infrastructure (25% of total):	\$38,000

**6. PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT
SCHEDULE**

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**7. PROJECT
READINESS**

This proposed 1,190' long 5' wide sidewalk would complete a vital sidewalk route within the City that serves numerous transit, churches, schools, parks and neighborhoods of Edina.

The proposed sidewalk will link existing sidewalks on the north side of Vernon Avenue from the intersection of Doncaster Way to the existing sidewalk on the east side of Ayrshire Boulevard.

Hennepin County's Pedestrian Plan Implementation has identified the area of the proposed sidewalk as medium to high priority. The City is capable of implementing both design and construction in 2015.

8. ALIGNMENT WITH PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Safety

Currently, pedestrians are forced to cross Vernon Avenue where no clearly identified or marked crossings exist in order to reach the multi-use trail along the south side of the street. Many people, including children, use the trail to walk to the Highlands Elementary School directly north of the proposed sidewalk. A Metro Transit bus stop along this segment adds to crossing conflicts for pedestrians.

Metro Transit bus riders are forced to either wait in the street or on the turf boulevard at bus stops. This creates a safety hazard, specifically in the winter when roads are narrower from snow and ice accumulation and boulevards are used for snow storage.

The existing guard rail at Ayrshire Boulevard creates confusion and hazards for pedestrians on the north side of Vernon Avenue. The guard rail is adjacent to the existing curb, and vegetation behind it has made traversing the area difficult. By installing the proposed sidewalk, pedestrians will have a clear, safe means to walk on the north side of Vernon Avenue, behind the existing guard rail. The guard rail will not need to be adjusted for the sidewalk.

System Connectivity

The proposed sidewalk has been identified as a medium/high priority for the City to complete.

As shown in Figure C, the proposed sidewalk will link existing sidewalks on the north side of Vernon Avenue between the intersections of Doncaster Way and Ayrshire Boulevard respectively.

Transportation purpose and proximity to pedestrian trip generators.

Major trip generators within ½ mile of the Proposed Sidewalk include, but are not limited to:

Bus routes and transitways	Two (2) Metro Transit bus routes use this portion of Vernon Avenue
Transit hubs and/or stations	One (1) Metro Transit bus stops exists along the proposed sidewalk
Park and ride facilities	N/A
Commercial nodes	N/A
Employment centers	Multiple professional businesses to the northeast

Schools	Highlands Elementary School
Libraries	Edina Hennepin County Library
Public service centers or other public buildings	N/A
Apartment buildings or other high density housing	Multiple High Density housing complexes in all directions
Parks	Garden and Highlands Parks within ½ mile
Other (please describe)	Single Family Housing in established neighborhoods with many active families

Community Support

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The City has received numerous informal resident votes of support for the project.

Project or program connectivity

The proposed sidewalk will connect to existing sidewalks on Doncaster Way and Ayrshire Boulevard.

Hennepin County recently completed paving and restriping of Vernon Ave to include designated bike lanes in both directions. With established bike lanes, pedestrians will be provided an even safer route along the proposed sidewalk.

9. OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OR IMPORTANT ITEMS TO CONSIDER WHEN EVALUATING THE PROJECT

The proposed sidewalk segment will complete a vital sidewalk route. Construction of this sidewalk will further enhance the City's system of sidewalks and trails.

**10. CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT**

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Maintenance of the sidewalk, including snow plowing would be done by the City, as this would be added to their already extensive sidewalk system maintenance program.

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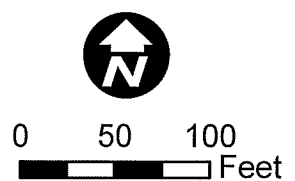


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